

April 3, 2014

Honorable Douglas H. Wilkins
Essex County Superior Court

Your Honor,

I am writing on behalf of my father Leonard J. Degnan, the strongest, most honest and passionate person I know.

The past 3 years have been hard on all of us, but without question, the hardest on my Dad. To live your life with such honesty and integrity and then to be accused of something so opposite of someones character is the toughest blow to take.

The fact that I'm his daughter would obviously make me a biased witness but I hope and pray you don't give my words less weight.

I am so proud of my dad and although the jury found him guilty, I know in my heart and in my gut that he is not and that's what matters. I would not be close to the person I am today without him.